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SUBJ: VISIT OF SAO TOME PRIME MINISTER TO ROMANIA

1. MIGUAL ANJOS TROVOADA, PRIME MINISTER OF SAO TOME
PRINCIPE, MADE OFFICIAL VISIT TO ROMANIA OCTOBER 11-18.
TYPICAL OF CROWDED BUCHAREST VISITOR SCHEDULE, ANJOS HAD
TO COMPETE WITH SIMULTANEOUS VISITS OF BELGIAN KING,
CAMBODIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, INDIAN EDUCATION MINISTER,
A CHINESE EDUCATION DELEGATION,
AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS
SECOND AND THIRD WORLDERS. ANJOS WAS GUEST OF ROMANIAN
PRIME MINISTER MANESCU; HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS
WIFE, MINISTER OF INFORMATION ALDA GRACA DO ESPIRITO
SANTO, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TEUTONIO DE
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2. ANJOS' PROGRAM AND MEDIA COVERAGE WERE STANDARD. HE HELD SEVERAL ROUNDS OF TALKS WITH MANESCU, EXCHANGED TOASTS WITH HIM DURING AN OFFICIAL DINNER HOSTED BY ROMANIAN PRIME MINISTER, VISITED TWO AREAS OUTSIDE BUCHAREST, CALLED ON CEAUSESCU ON OCTOBER 15, AND SIGNED A JOINT

COMMUNIQUE WITH MANESCU. BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION; COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND CULTURE; AND COOPERATION

WEEN ROMANIAN RADIO-TB AND RADIO NACIONAL IN SAO TOME. NO DETAILS OF AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

3. JOINT COMMUNIQUE NOTES GRATITUDE OF PEOPLE OF SAO TOME FOR ROMANIAN "POLITICAL, DIPLOMATIC, MORAL, AND MATERIAL SUPPORT", BOTH IN PERIOD OF INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE AND IN CURRENT PHASE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. TALKS WERE HELD IN "CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE, WITH FULL UNDERSTANDING AND MUTUAL RESPECT." "TRADITIONAL AND MILITANT SOLIDARITY" BETWEEN ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND SAO TOME NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT WAS REAFFIRMED, AND PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN SOLEMN COMMON DECLARATION ISSUED DECEMBER 1975 DURING VISIT OF SAO TOME PRESIDENT MANUEL PINTO DA COSTA WERE CITED. ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, BOTH SIDES AGREED TO CONTINUE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM,
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SM, AND NEOCOLONIALISM. "RACIST REGIMES" IN PRETORIA AND SALISBURY WERE CONDEMNED, AND BOTH COUNTRIES AGREED TO CONTINUE "ACTIVE SUPPORT" OF PEOPLE IN "ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA, AND OTHER COLONIAL AREAS" FOR INDEPENDENCE. SUCH PRINCIPLES AS NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE, AND

INVIOABILITY OF BORDERS SHOULD GOVERN RELATIONS AMONG STATES,

E SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND NON-ALIENED STATES MUST PLAY A GREATER ROLE IN RESOLUTION OF WORLD PROBLEMS. MANESCU ACCEPTED INVITATION FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO SAO TOME AT UNDEFINED FUTURE DATE. ANJOS WAS AT ALL TIMES REFERRED TO AS "COMRADE" BY ROMANIAN MEDIA.

4. COMMENT. WE ARE REPORTING THIS VISIT NOT BECAUSE OF ITS UNIQUENESS BUT BECAUSE IT IS TYPICAL OF THE FREQUENT VISITS TO BUCHAREST OF THIRD WORLD FIGURES. GOR HAS INVESTED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT AND RESOURCES IN ITS COURTSHIP

THESE COUNTRIES, CULMINATING IN ITS UNSUCCESSFUL BID FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO LAST SUMMER. AS JUDGED BY VISITORS HERE, ROMANIAN INTEREST HAS NOT FLAGGED SINCE THAT MEETING. GOR HAS ALSO SHOWN A SPECIAL PREFERENCE FOR FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES OF BLACK AFRICA AND THEIR "REVOLUTIONARY" AND/OR "PROGRESSIVE" POLITICAL MOVEMENTS. SAO TOME QUALIFIES ON BOTH COUNTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO OBTAIN HARD INFORMATION ON TRADE/AID AND OTHER AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND ITS THIRD WORLD FRIENDS. BARNES

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